

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, HELD ITS REGULAR MEETING ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2006 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING.

PRESENT: Anthony B. Toran, President, Steve LaDuke, Chas Hunter, Police Chief Merle Harl, Traffic Division Supervisor Officer Joe Lewis, Code Enforcement Officer Pam Badger, Deputy Fire Chief Stanley Mason, City Clerk Marcey Wisman, Street Department Director Joddie Johnson, Flood Control Director Ron Granger, Building commissioner Paul Roberts, Controller Kay Garry, Sewer Billing director Kelly Welsh, and Animal Shelter Director David Hall.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Toran called the meeting 10:16 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

NEW BUSINESS:

Item #1 - Drainage problems at Martin Drive

Mr. LaDuke informed the board that last night at the city council meeting there were people who discussed a drainage problem on Martin Drive behind the hospital. He presented pictures that show a concrete shoot that always has liquid coming down. He informed the board of the problems associated with this shoot with property erosion, concrete residue from the contractors washing concrete mixers into the creek and several other issues.

Mr. Hunter said that he would be happy to go out to look into this problem and report back to the board at the next meeting.

Mr. Toran asked him to have Tina Haley pull any information that she may have regarding this issue.

Mrs. Garry reported that she has also contacted the hospital to see if they have heard anything about this.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item #1 - Chief Harl re: Change to Chapter 9 of SOP.

Mr. Toran asked if anyone had any question regarding the requested change.

Mr. LaDuke made a motion to approve the change to Chapter 9, Mr. Hunter second, all voted in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS - CITY OFFICIALS:

Mr. Johnson stated that Buddy Norton will be off until the 12th or 13th of February for medical reasons.

Mr. Toran stated that he has given Mr. Norton projects to work on and he would like a report of everything that Mr. Norton has done.

Officer Lewis presented a request for a Handicap sign for Chris Schmidt at 822 Catherine Place. He stated that the gentleman has had several surgeries for back problems and recommended that the board approve this request.

Mr. LaDuke moved to approve, Mr. Hunter second, all voted in favor.

Pam Badger asked if the board had dealt with problems with basketball goals in the streets in
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the past.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding whether or not there is an ordinance and if there needs to be one created.

It was decided that Mrs. Badger would get with Shane Gibson to draft an ordinance.

Mr. Toran asked if Ms. Badger had looked into the problems at 335 Scribner.

Ms. Badger stated that she and Scott Wood have looked into the situation.

Mr. Toran introduced Katie Wheatley who is an intern from IUS who will be helping with updating the website and getting press releases out.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

Tom Spuddich, reported that there has been some progress on 1018 E. Elm, and he wanted to know if there has been any progress on the interior of the building.

Deputy Mason reported that Fire Inspector Major Jerry Banet went out on the January 31 and inspected and all the appropriate smoke detectors have been installed. Major Banet's report is on file with the City Clerk's office.

Paul Roberts reported that he is going out to give the owner some guidance on his building violations.

Tim Myer, Southern Indiana Waste Disposal, introduced Matthew Lee director of operations and Larry Jones supervisor of Southern Indiana Waste Disposal. He stated that they will be here at the meetings to answer any questions the board may have.

Pearline Isom asked if they will be picking up trash on the holiday next week.

Mr. Myer reported that they will not be taking the holiday off next week.

Mr. Toran asked him to get with Katie after the meeting so that they can get the holidays posted on the website.

Mr. LaDuke stated that he had heard from a local business owner that they did not get their trash picked up for about two weeks and was wondering what the problem was.

Mr. Johnson reported the driver who knew the route retired and the new driver did not know all the stops. He stated that they now have that in writing and it will not be a problem.

Mr. Toran reported that on February 14 immediately after the meeting there would be a public hearing for a grievance filed by the Sanitation Department.

Mr. Burkholder from the Southern Indiana Right to Life informed the board that they would like to hold a walk on the 22nd day of April starting at 10:00 a.m. to approximately 12:00 p.m. They will start at St. Mary's go down Spring, left on Pearl, left on Market, left on 8th and back to St. Mary's.

Officer Bailey stated that it would be difficult to staff with the auxiliary for that long of a route.

Mr. Hunter moved to approve the Right to Life walk, Mr. LaDuke second, all voted in favor.

BIDS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. LaDuke moved to approve the minutes of January 31, Mr. Hunter second, all voted in favor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to go before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Anthony B. Toran, President
Board of Public Works & Safety**

**Marcey Wisman, City Clerk
Civil City of New Albany, Indiana**